

In these Homes, the Department provides free lodging, boarding, clothing and bedding, casework and counselling services, medical care and recreational facilities, helpers to assist the bed-ridden or incapacitated inmates to perform their daily routine.

#### **Interconnect Agreements**

3455. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the cellular operators have objected to the draft interconnect agreements of the Government;
- (b) if so, whether this has resulted delay in roll-out of the cellular services in 17 regions of the country;
- (c) if so, whether the Government have agreed to make the amendments in the above draft agreements;
- (d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be amended;
- (e) whether all the concerned authorities have been consulted before taking any final decision; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The licences awarded to the operators of Cellular Mobile Telephone Service do not provide for any Interconnect Agreement. However, for the sake of operational clarity, an Interconnect Agreement has been circulated amongst the operators of the service.

(b) to (d). Do not arise in view of (a).

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) The draft interconnect agreement has been prepared after taking the views of concerned authorities in DOT from technical and financial angle and the view of Ministry of Law & Justice.

*[Translation]*

#### **Setting up of Hostels for SC/ST Students**

3456. SHRI SHATRUGHAN PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government have not set up hostel for students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for the last many years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether his Ministry has allocated funds under the said head for other States except Bihar;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which the Union Government propose to allocate funds for Bihar under the said head?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOVALIA) : (a) and (b). At present there is no Scheme under which the Union Government sets up hostels for students belonging to SCs/STs. However, the Ministry of Welfare has been implementing four Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Construction of boys and girls hostels for SCs/STs under which 50% Central share is given to the State Governments for construction of hostel buildings.

(c) and (d). Under these Schemes, the State-wise funds are not allocated. Proposals for release of 50% as Central share are sent by the State Governments for setting up hostels for SC/ST students after making a provision in the State Budget of the concerned State to the extent of 50% of the estimate of the construction of the hostels.

(e) So far no proposal has been received from the State Government of Bihar during the current financial year.

*[English]*

#### **News Bulletins on Doordarshan**

3457. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any norms for telecast of news on all the channels on Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the timings of news bulletins on Doordarshan language-wise, category-wise and channel-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Telecast of News on Doordarshan is governed by Programme Code and Advertisement Code of Doordarshan.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Details are enclosed as *Statement I* and *II*.

**STATEMENT-I***News Bulletins Telecast from Headquarters (New Delhi) Language-wise*

Language	Name	Time	Duration	Channel	Frequency
Hindi	Samachar	0700-0715	15 mts.	I (National)	Daily
	-do-	1400-1410	10 mts.	-do-	-do-
	Samachar Regional	1900-1915	15 mts.	I (Delhi)+ LPT	-do-
	Samachar	2030-2050*	20 mts.	I (National)	-do-
	News Headlines	2230-2232	02 mts.	-do-	-do-
English	The News	0815-0830	15 mts.	-do-	-do-
	-do-	1410-1420	10 mts.	-do-	-do-
	-do	2100-2120*	20 mts.	-do-	-do-
	News Headlines	2330-2332	02 mts.	-do-	-do-
Urdu	Urdu	1425-1435	10 mts.	II (Metro)	-do-
Sanskrit		1315-1325	10 mts.	II (National)	Sunday
Sign Language	For Hearing Impaired	1300-1315	15 mts.	-do-	-do
English	India News	0900-0915	15 mts.	DD-International Channel	Daily
Hindi	Bharat Samachar	1145-1200	15 mts.	-do-	-do-
Hindi	Sansad Samachar	2045-2100	15 mts.	I (National)	When Parliament session
English	Parliament News	2115-2130	15 mts.	-do-	

\*During Parliament in Session days the bulletin is for 15 mts. duration.

**STATEMENT-II***Details of Bulletins Telecast from Regional News Units of Doordarshan*

S.No.	Station	Language	Time	Duration	Channel
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Ahmedabad	Gujarati	1900-1915	15 mts.	I
2.	Bangalore	Kannada	-do-	15 mts.	I
3.	Bhubneshwar	Oriya	1900-1920	20 mts.	I

1	2	3	4	5	6
4.	Bhopal	Hindi	1900-1915	15 mts.	I
5.	Bombay	Marathi	(i) 1900-1915 (ii) 2150-2200	15 mts. 10 mts.	I I
					(Monday-Friday)
			2200-2210	10 mts.	II
					(Saturday/Sunday)
6.	Calcutta	Bengali	(i) 1700-1705 -do- (ii) 1900-1915 Urdu (iii) 1915-1925 Bengali (iv) 2150-2200	5 mts. 15 mts. 10 mts. 10 mts.	I I I I
					(Monday-Friday)
			2200-2210	10 mts.	II
					(Saturday/Sunday)
7.	Guwahati	Assamese	(i) 0845-0900 (ii) 1900-1915	15 mts. 15 mts.	I I
8.	Hyderabad	Telegu	(i) 1900-1915 Urdu (ii) 1915-1925	15 mts. 10 mts.	I I
9.	Jaipur	Hindi	1900-1915	15 mts.	I
10.	Jalandhar	Punjabi	(i) 1700-1705 -do- (ii) 1900-1915	5 mts. 15 mts.	I I
					(Monday-Friday)
11.	Lucknow	Hindi	(i) 1900-1915 Urdu (ii) 1915-1920	15 mts. 5 mts.	I I
12.	Madras	Tamil	(i) 1900-1903 -do- (ii) 2030-2050 -do- (iii) 2150-2200	3 mts. 20 mts. 10 mts.	I I I
					(Saturday & Sunday)
13.	Patna	Hindi	(i) 1900-1915 Urdu (ii) 1915-1925	15 mts. 10 mts.	I I
14.	Srinagar	Kashmiri	(i) 1900-1915 Urdu (ii) 1915-1930	15 mts. 15 mts.	I I
15.	Thiruvananthapuram	Malayalam	(i) 1700-1703 (ii) 1900-1915	3 mts. 15 mts.	I I